(b) if so, names and designations of such officers and the amount incurred on them;

(c) whether correspondents from Doordarshan and All India Radio have not been included in the delegation to cover the event and if so, the reasons for their inclusion; and

(d) how many foreign tours have been undertaken by officers from Prasar Bharti, AIR and Doordarshan since 1st January, 2007 alongwith details and names of officers, expenditure incurred and purpose of such visits abroad?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Shri B.S. Lalli, Chief Executive Officer, Prasar Bharati and Shri A.K. Bhatnagar Chief Engineer, All India Radio have attended the NAB (National Association of Broadcasters) Conference and not NAM Conference held in Las Vegas in USA during April, 2008. Prasar Bharati informed that the amount of total expenditure incurred was Rs. 7.00 lakh approximately.

(c) NAB 2008 was a conference-cum-exhibition which exhibited latest innovation in Broadcast Technology and equipments. News correspondents did not accompany, as normally AIR and Doordarshan do not cover such International events.

(d) The details of foreign tours/deputations undertaken by the officers of Prasar Bharati, AIR and Doordarshan since 1st January, 2007 is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 213 Annexure No. 16]

Remedial measures to check sexual and violent contents in films

†3950. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken or proposed to be taken by the Central Government regarding remedial measures to check the adverse effects of increasing sexual and violent contents in the films;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) Central Board of Film Certification certifies films as per the provisions of Cinematograph Act, 1952 and Rules and Guidelines framed thereunder. Scenes which are violative of the provisions of the Act, Rules and Guidelines are deleted. While certifying films care is taken to categories films whose contents are not suitable for minors as 'A'. The guidelines *inter alia* stipulate the following:

* Anti-social activities such as violence are not glorified and justified.
* Pointless or avoidable scenes of violence, cruelty and horror, scenes of violence primarily intended to provide entertainment and such scenes as may have the effect of desensitizing or dehumanizing people are not shown.
* Human sensibilities are not offended by vulgarity, obscenity, or depravity;
* Words with dual meaning as obviously cater to baser instincts are not allowed;
* scenes degrading or denigrating women in any manner are not presented;

Scenes showing sexual perversions shall be avoided and if such matters are germane to the theme, they shall be reduced to the minimum and no details are shown.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The number of films which were refused certification during the last three years and those in which cuts were given are as under:

Year	No. of films refused certification	No. of films certified with cuts
2005	18	473
2006	59	453
2007	11	395

(c) Does not arise.

Communal material in Bal Bharti

3951. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the publication division is publishing a magazine titled Bal Bharti to create scientific awareness among children;

(b) whether it is also a fact that contrary to the declared objectives, an attempt was made to arouse communal sentiments by publishing communal material in some of the issues in the year 2004;

(c) if so, whether Government would conduct any inquiry to identify the persons responsible and the action to be taken against them; and

(d) whether Government proposes to evolve any mechanism for evaluation of magazines for children?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. No material published in Bal Bharati in the year 2004 had any content aimed to arouse communal sentiments.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) Publications Division publishes only one magazine for children *i.e.*, Bal Bharati. Contents of this magazine are selected and supervised by the senior editorial officers of the Division. Due care is taken to ensure that the contents are within the framework of cherished national objectives and values such as social harmony, national integration, shared legacy of art, culture, history and heritage, protection of environment and over all, promotion of goodwill towards all.

Code of conduct for TV programmes

3952. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to draft a code of conduct for telecasting various T.V. serials and other programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;